

**Amendments to the Claims:**

1 - 14. (canceled)

15. (previously presented) A solid formulation of glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof, in an effervescent preparation.

16. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the formulation comprises 500-2000 mg glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof in a single dose.

17. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the formulation comprises 750-1500 mg glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof in a single dose.

18. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 15, further comprising a fruit acid for improving storage stability.

19. (currently amended) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of the glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof to said fruit acid is from 0.2:1 to 5:1.

20. (currently amended) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of the glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof to said fruit acid is from 0.2:1 to 2:1.

21. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of the glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof to said fruit acid is from 0.5:1 to 1:1.

22. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is hydroxlyated.
23. (currently amended) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is an aliphatic carboxylic organic acid.
24. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is selected from the group consisting of citric, tartaric, glutaric, lactic, malic and gluconic acids.
25. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid has at least two carboxylic groups.
26. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is citric acid.
27. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is crystalline citric acid.
28. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 18, wherein said fruit acid is anhydrous.
29. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the mixed salt is a glucosamine sulphate hydrochloride.
30. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 15, wherein the mixed salt is a glucosamine sulphate potassium chloride.

31. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 15, further comprising an anti-oxidant.

32. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 15, produced by a method comprising steps of

spraying a mixture of glucosamine sulphate or a mixed salt thereof and a fruit acid with water in a spray dryer, and then

drying the formulation to a water content of at most 1.5% by weight.

33. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 32, wherein said water content is at most 0.5% by weight.

34. (previously presented) A formulation according to claim 32, wherein said fruit acid is citric acid.